

REMARKS

After entry of the above amendments, the claims pending in the subject application are 1-13 and 17-32. Reconsideration of this application based on the Amendments and Remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §112 REJECTIONS

Claims 1-13 and 17-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In claim 1, the term "substantially" was used. The term "substantially" has been deleted. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-13 and 17-32 are not indefinite.

35 U.S.C. §103 REJECTIONS

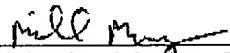
Claims 1-13 and 17-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 5,385,988 to Yamamoto et al. in view of United States Patent No. 5,973,068 to Yamaya et al.

In Yamamoto '988 and Yamaya '068 the monomers are polymerized in the presence of the silicone resins. This gives a composition that has a structure with an interpenetrating network of the polymerized vinyl monomer with the silicone resin (Yamaya '068 at column 6, lines 37-52 and Yamamoto '988 at column 2, lines 4-10). An interpenetrating network of materials is a different structure than a mixture of the materials. In a mixture, each material is present as a separate structure. In an interpenetrating network, the materials are networked into one structure.

The composition of the present invention is present as a mixture of the acrylate copolymer, the stock coating material, and the sol (see page 39, lines 7-8). There is no disclosure or suggestion in Yamamoto '988 or Yamaya '068 of providing a mixture of these three materials. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-13 and 17-32 are patentable over United States Patent No. 5,385,988 to Yamamoto et al. in view of United States Patent No. 5,973,068 to Yamaya et al.

In view of the amendments and remarks contained above, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the 35 USC §103 and §112 rejections, and request that a Formal Notice of Allowance be issued for claims 1-13 and 17-32. Should the Examiner have any questions about the above remarks, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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